Amateur Commission

SHIFTING PLAYERS TO MAKE STRONGER AMATEUR TEAMS

Inclination of League Officials Leading to Probable Solutibn.

From all indications given in the few league meetings held the latter part of ast week, and the action of the Sunday School League officials last night, there seems to be a tendency among the leagues to strengthen weaker teams as

much as possible. In looking over the amateur games, weak teams are seen in every league. Managers of former pennant winners have succeeded in keeping intact their good clubs, and on this account other teams have little show to recruit their strong team jumps to the front and keeps the lead during the entire season. losing but one or two games through-

Some Strong Teams.

Three or four teams stand out preminently in the leagues with pennant possibilities already. Petworth, in the Suburban League, looks good to many fans. although Parkview took its measure yesterday. Commerce and Labor, in the Departmental League, is apparently stronger than others, with a clean record to date. American Security, in the Bankers' League, is far and away ahead of the others in that circuit,

In the Capital City League, Sewage Pumping Station has gotten ahead with a sudden spurt, with a clean slate against all comers. Aloysius appears to have the jump on the clubs in the Dis-trict League, while Willard, in the Com-mercial circuit, is getting ahead by con-

sistent work.

The ease with which some of these teams are leading has brought some of the officials of the leagues to the real-ization that something must at once be done to keep the weaker teams in the circuit. The loss of many games seems to have kept these teams from doing their best work, and plans are now on foot in several circuits to strengthen the weaker teams.

Sets Good Example.

The Sunday School League seems, in the opinion of many, to have taken the right step in allowing the weaker teams to recruit from the stronger ones which have an abundance of material. From indications, the other leagues will not be slow to accept this move, and the pa-

slow to accept this move, and the patrons of amateur baseball will be able to see better and closer games if these suggestions of the Sunday School League are adopted.

President Young, of the Amateur Commission, feels that interest in the leagues among players and fans can be stimulated to a greater degree if something can be done to even up the races at this early date and not allow the teams to go it practically alone at the top of the heap all season. have a broken schedule this week as a result of the high school cadet exer-cises Thursday and Friday. The crowds that witness the Departmental, Bankers and this circuit, have been increasing, due, no doubt, to the fact that the games in both the Departmental League and the Southern Railway circuit are started promptly on time and there is

Independence League. YESTERDAY'S RESULTS. Shamrock, 9; National Union, &

STANDING. Clubs. W.L.Pet Clubs. W.L.Pet. 6t Paul. 5 1 .833 Nat Union 2 3 .490 Kendall. 3 1 .750 St. Martin. 1 2 .250 Manhattan. 2 2 .500 Shamrock... 1 3 .250

TODAY-St. Paul vs. Manhattan, North Capitol and V streets northwest. Today's game between Manhattan and

St. Paul should prove a big drawing card for both of the teams are neighborhood nines. Manager Parsley will probably use Greer and Ruppert as the battery, while Manager Donnelly is undecided which pair to use because of the poor show-

ing of his team recently.

The league officials were very much gratified over the showing of the Shamrock boys yesterday. After such a crushing defeat on Saturday they came back strong yesterday and showed that they could beat the strongest hitting team in the league. team in the league.

A daily increase in the crowd is easily

dicernable and the attendance at the present gait should double that of Mc-Devitt's Field last season.

The pitching of O'Dea was much better than that of the opening game for hamrock. He fanned eight in five innings and allowed four hits, but was a triffe wild, passing four. In tight places he was most effective, fanning two men twice when there was a man on base.

D. Breen made a splendid catch of Vickery's fly that ended the game. Had the hall gotten past him the National Union player would have had an easy home run.

Yum Yums Lose.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., May 16 .- In a thirteen-inning game played here yes-terday afternoon between the Regulars and Yum Yums, of the Cardinal Athletic b, the Regulars won by 4 to 3.

Pool Tonight.

Strasburger and Goodman contend against each other for honors in the pool tournament at the Lambs' Club, to-night at 307 Ninth street northwest. Evans defeated A. Engle last night, 103 to 90, being the score.



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| STANDING. | Clubs. | W.l.P. | Clubs. | Hamilne. | \$ 0 1.000 | Carolina | Ingram. | \$ 1 75 | Anacost | Ninth. | 2 1 .66 | Sharwoo TODAY-Anacostia vs. Nint and D streets northeast.

face Ninth this afternoon. promises to give the champs struggle. "Lefty" Wooden will work for Ninth, while Morriss to the box for Anacostia.

Dichard, the Hamline catcher easily the star of the game. In times up he walked twice, hit double and a home run, scored runs, and also stole two bases. Be the plate he handled eleven cha

Heinz, the Carolina star twirler, was injured in sliding to second in the fifth. He was out of condition when he tried to pitch the fifth inning, Hamilne crossing the plate seven times on topasses, a wild pitch, and two hits.

Davis succeeded Heinz in the sixth and put some life in the game. He bunted safely in the seventh, went to second on a sacrifice by Johnson, stole third, and tallied the only Carolina run when Raymond drew a throw to second.

Priddy pitched a masterly game for Hamline. Only one hit was garnered off his delivery, he fanned eight, and did not issue a pass.

Interstate and Navy play today, and the former team is determined to win the game. In pitching and fielding the Staters are not excelled in the league, but to date they have falled at the bat, scoring only one run in three games. This condition cannot last, as the sluggers on the team are waiting for a batting streak. North Carolina is sorely in need of a catcher. "Shorty" Langford, of Agriculture, was signed last night and will try his whip in the Church League next

"Shorty" Hughes, umpire, was enhand at the meeting last night.

Nothing startling was developed at the session. The general welfare of the circuit was the main discussion.

Southern Railway League. YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

The game scheduled for yesterday be-

ween the Treasurers and Bookkeepers

was postponed and will be played off

It was at first hoped that this game could be played off on Friday, which is an open date, as provided for by the schedule. The high school cadets' drill will occupy the Ellipse Thursday and

Friday, and, of course, no games will be played on the President's back lot.

The Auditors have made only six hits

in their last two contests. Risdon, for Traffic, and Cooke, of the Treasurers,

both held the former champs down to

The leagues which use the Ellipse will

TODAY-No game scheduled.

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Carroll, of Interior, made his first hit of the season yesterday, and was duly congratulated by his teammates. Bob Evans, Kinney, and Moran, the mainstays of C. & L., all played well. These are certainly steady players.

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ten Willard suffered at Valford yesterday by 4 y due to the pitching of ruck out nineteen batating the league recommer of Moses, and ur hits.

he caught him, although caught a fine game, and pepper all the time. Walford was greatly strengthened by the addition of new players, among them Shipley and Stuart. All gave

A funny incident occurred in the fifth inning. Grason, who was ejected by Umpire Abbey last Thursday, struck vigorously at a wild ball and the bat slipped from his hands, striking the umpire on the shins. At once there was a general cry of "Revenge!" from the crowd.

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Hansen, the left-handed first baseman of Interior, resembles Hal Chase very much in both appearance and in fielding. The only place where the resemblance fails is at the bat, for Hansen is by no Ogle put up a stellar game at third before he went into the box.

Two hits and three errors netted the Walford team three runs in the second inning. This ended their scoring, as the hotel men tightened up.

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The game yesterday went the full route, and it is highly probable that the majority of the remaining games will go nine innings. It is up to Umpire Abbey to keep the players hustling every minute.

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A peculiar feature of yesterday's game was that all Willard's runs were made on errors. One was a freak home run made by Donovan. The ball took a bad bound in right field and was thrown away in trying to catch him at third.

Herrel struck out one or more men in every inning. In the first, second, sixth, and ninth he retired his opponents on strikes.

But one base on balls was issued during the entire game by the pitchers. This was by Symanoskie in the fourth

Lee McClung, Treasurer of the United States, who won the title in the scratch singles at the annual invitation tournament of the Chevy Chase Club yesterday plays for new honors this afternoon when he meets W. I. Littlefield in the finals, This game will attract much attention, as both players are in fine form.

Crusade in Favor Of Reviving Racing

NEW YORK, May 16 .- To create a sentiment in favor of the racing bills now in the Legislature, the Jockey Club s sending letters to business men and notel proprietors throughout the State. citing the amount lost by the abolish-

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lase to be repeated this afternoon in the men's singles. The opening games of the men's doubles and ladies' singles also will be started today.

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